

REMARKS

In response to the election requirement set forth in the Official Action mailed September 2, 2003 (Paper No. 8), Applicant hereby elects the species covered by Claim 53. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 54 – 68, Claims 74 – 83 and Claim 91.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependant form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

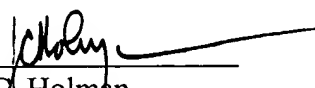
In addition, Claims 54 – 67, 70, 72, 75, 81 and 85 – 89 have been amended to proper dependent form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended claims.

An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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